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### Lewd Conduct & Child Annoying Arrest

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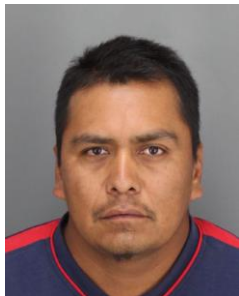
Luis Meza-Gonzalez, age 34, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for lewd conduct and child annoying.

On July 26, 2012, at 4:21 p.m., SBPD Detective Charlie Katsapis and Detective Brian Larson responded to a call of lewd conduct involving a subject masturbating on the beach at 200 W. Cabrillo Boulevard. Upon arrival they contacted the reporting party, a vacationing firefighter from Oakley, California.

The reporting party indicated that he had observed Meza-Gonzalez masturbating intermittently over the course of approximately twenty minutes while lying on the sand at West Beach, approximately fifteen to twenty feet away from two teenage female sunbathers. Meza-Gonzalez was using his baseball cap to conceal his activity.

Detective Katsapis and Detective Larson located Meza-Gonzalez and the two victims, eighteen-year old and sixteen-year old girls. The reporting party and the victims made citizen arrests of Meza-Gonzalez for lewd conduct and child annoying. The detectives took custody of Meza-Gonzalez and interviewed him at SBPD, where he admitted to engaging in lewd behavior.

Meza-Gonzalez was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges, both of which are misdemeanors. His bail amount is \$2,500.00.



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